



Summer In The City

Seattle Fire Department Fire Prevention Division

Hot Town

The sun is out, the temperature is rising and there is no chance of rain for days. While these may be the elements of a beautiful summer day, they can also be indicators of fire danger.

With only a few changes, many of the activities we fill summer days with can be made safer. By preventing fires and playing safely we can ensure that the long days of summer will be fun.

Barbecues

Before lighting your barbecue, eliminate everything that may be hanging overhead and move the grill a safe distance away from trees, buildings, and other things that can burn.

- Charcoal Grills: Be sure to use starter fluids designed for charcoal barbecue grills and do not add fluid after the coals have been lit. Once they are cool, ashes and coals should always be placed in a metal container with a tight lid.
- Gas Grills: Make certain the hose connection is tight and check the hoses for leaks. Applying soapy water to the hoses will easily and safely reveal any leaks. As soon as your meal is done cooking, turn the grill and the fuel cylinder off.

Fireworks

If you are celebrating Fourth of July in Seattle remember that within City limits fireworks are banned. If you want to include fireworks in your July Fourth celebration, plan to attend a public display, such as those scheduled for

discharge over Elliott Bay and Lake Union.

Private use, sale, or possession of fireworks is prohibited in the City of Seattle. Make the right choice, the safe choice and leave fireworks to the professionals.

Cigarettes

Carelessly discarded cigarettes, whether tossed from car windows or dropped on the sidewalk, start many fires each summer. This habit can be very dangerous if the weather has been dry. Safely dispose of cigarettes in ashtrays.

Arson/Dry Brush

Arson is a crime that can happen at any time, any day of the year. Individuals can make a difference in preventing these fires. The following tips will help you prevent a fire from occurring around your home or business this summer.

- Clean up wastepaper, long grass, weeds, litter, or anything that can burn from around buildings.
- Remove dead plants or bushes as soon as possible. Leave your indoor and outdoor lighting on during hours of darkness.
- Consider installing devices that automatically turn on outdoor lights when they sense darkness or movement outside the home.

Please report any information you believe may be related to arson to the Arson Alarm Hotline at 1-800-555-ARSON or call 9-1-1.

Safe at Play

Summer fun can take us out of our homes to parks, lakes, beaches and campsites. The following websites provide safety tips and prevention measures to keep you outside and having fun:

- ☑ Wildfire: prevention for kids and grown-ups:
www.smokeybear.com
- ☑ Boating: limit your risks and protect your guests:
www.uscgboating.org.
- ☑ Swimming: keep kids above the waves:
www.seattlechildrens.org
- ☑ Helmets: not just for kids, not just for bikes:
www.helmets.org
- ☑ Summer Heat: defeat the heat before it defeats you:
www.safekids.org
- ☑ City Tourist: enjoy the trip, limit the risks,
www.cityofseattle.net/police/Prevention/Tips/tourist.htm

